



Resource Management Commission
Request for Letter of Intent for *Bodhi Yoga*
December 9, 2008
Vote: 4-1-0-2-0

Motion by: G. Hsieh
Second by: A. Hardberger
For: L. Cunningham, C. Herbert
Against: J. Logan
Abstain: 0
Absent: R. Amato, F. Cohagan
Vacant: 0
Motion: Passed

The Resource Management Commission supports the City's Commercial Energy Efficiency Programs and recommends that the City Council approve the issuance of a Letter of Intent in the *amount of \$74,260.80* for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system for *Bodhi Yoga* located at **12801 Shops Parkway in Austin, Texas, 78738**. The **total installed cost** is estimated to be **\$136,385.52**. The *rebate will cover approximately 54%* of the installed cost. The rebate level for this project is *\$4,500 per kW*. The solar equipment, which meets all Austin Energy program requirements, includes a total of *80 solar modules rated at 216 watts each, and the associated inverter is rated at 95.5% efficiency*. A total of *14.3 kW in demand savings* is expected.

This energy improvement will *save an estimated 22,972 kWh per year* and produce an estimated **23 Renewable Energy Credits** per year. These savings are equivalent to:

Planting <i>509 trees or 25 acres of forest</i> in Austin's parks.
The <i>removal of 26,087 vehicle miles or 3 cars</i> from Austin's busy roadways.
This project will <i>effectively provide electricity to 2 average homes</i> in Austin for a year.
This project will <i>save 14.9 tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂); 18.7 pounds of Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂); 20.7 pounds of Nitrogen Oxide (NOX), and 14 pounds of Carbon Monoxide (CO)</i> from being emitted into Austin's atmosphere.

The Commercial Energy Efficiency Programs are elements of Austin Energy's comprehensive effort to reduce local air pollution through energy conservation, to reduce peak demand, and to assist customers in reducing electric consumption.

This effort will provide Austin Energy with a constructive market transformation opportunity while adding a value-added service to encourage customer retention. This project will be funded within currently approved budget funding levels for commercial conservation rebate budget; therefore there is no anticipated fiscal impact.

Approved, Chris Herbert, Chair

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